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## SB 27 – Industrial Hemp

### Sponsor Statement

During the 30<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature Senate Bill 6 passed unanimously and established an Industrial Hemp Pilot Program in Alaska. Legislators correctly identified the potential for Alaska Grown industrial hemp and decided that our state should enter the global marketplace for this diverse agricultural product.

In 2018, after Senate Bill 6 was signed into law, the United States Congress passed the 2018 Farm Bill which changed the federal requirements for states to grow industrial hemp. Senate Bill 27 makes the necessary adjustments in statute so that Alaska will remain compliant with federal law and maintain an Industrial Hemp Program into the future.

Passage of Senate Bill 27 will ensure federal compliance, provide agricultural and manufacturing business opportunities for hemp and help diversify our state's economy.

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